

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JULY 17, 1945

The Board of Public Works met on July 10th, 1945, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of July 10, 1945, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Division of Parole and Probation for an allotment from the General Emergency Fund covering the employment of additional personnel for the Department, with related expenses for the fiscal year 1946.

After due consideration, the Board approved an allotment of \$14,287.00 to cover this additional expense, to be set forth in a budget amendment to be submitted and approved in the usual manner.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment of \$14,065.00 for Cheltenham School for Boys covering \$11,000 for furnishings for the Staff Apartment and Duplex House, and \$2,565.00 for plumbing work.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board approved an allotment from the General Emergency Fund of \$400.00 for the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources for the administration of an Act passed at the 1945 session of the General Assembly, relating to the licensing of well drillers, etc.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board approved an allotment of \$25,000.00 to cover salaries and expenses of the Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development, for the fiscal year 1946.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment from the General Emergency Fund to the Maryland Council of Defense of \$10,037.00 for the expenses of the fiscal year 1946.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment of \$10,000.00 to Crownsville State Hospital to take care of the expense of the installation of pasteurizing equipment.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board application from the Maryland Historical Society-Maryland War Records Agency for an allotment of \$22,000.00 from the General Emergency Fund of 1946. This matter was referred to Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker to consider the proposed budget for this work, to ascertain if the amount requested was necessary or to recommend the amount which, in their opinion, is needed for the work.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment of \$1,006.48 from the General Emergency Fund for the Department of Geology.

Mines & Water Resources to take care of the payment of obligations incurred to June 30, 1945 which it was not possible to pay out of the budget for 1945.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment from the General Emergency Fund for the State Aviation Commission in the amount of \$8,250.00 to take care of the purchase of furniture, additional personnel and air markers.

Mr. Kirkman recommended that an allotment of \$7,200.00 be made for the Department of Labor and Industries from the General Emergency Fund, and the approval of the Board was given. This amount is necessary for the administration of the Boiler Inspection Law which has been taken care of in previous years out of the inspection fees but which fees are now going into the General Treasury.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment for Morgan State College from the General Emergency Fund* in the amount of \$8,000.00 for emergency repairs and the installation of stokers.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the matter of transfer of the Washington County Almshouse property to the State as a site for the Western Shore Chronic Disease Hospital. The County Commissioners are desirous that the Board approve their request for a provision that the State agree to begin the construction of the Hospital within five years from the date of the transfer of the property.

As it was the feeling of the members of the Board that construction would actually begin much sooner than five years from this time, the project being included in the Post War Construction program for the next two years, and that there would be no objection whatever to agreeing to the request of the County Commissioners of Washington County in this matter.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board approved an allotment from the Post War Construction Fund of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of stabilizing the river bank at St. Mary's Female Seminary to prevent erosion of land at that institution, and \$8,000 from the General Bond Issue of 1941, also.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the expenditure of \$8,000.00 for emergency repairs and the installation of stokers at Morgan State College, with payment to be made from the allotment to Morgan State College in the Post War Construction Fund.

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Mr. F. Reid Isaac, President, and members of the Board of Managers of Cheltenham School for Boys, with Mr. Joseph P. Healy, appeared before the Board in the interest of obtaining the approval of the Board to a site for the new Maryland Training School for Colored Boys.

The representatives of the school were very definitely of the opinion that the Catonsvilles site is the most logical and desirable for the new institution. The obstacle to obtaining that site seems to be the price at which the owner is holding it. The property was originally offered to the State at \$65,000 and later this figure was reduced to \$45,000. The State obtained from the Real Estate Board of Baltimore City an appraisal of the property, the report of the Real Estate Board being that \$20,000 would be a fair and reasonable price for the property.

*Post War Construction Fund.

It was stated at the meeting that because of the interest of the owner of the property in wanting the new school to be located at Catonsville, it was thought the owner would be willing to consider a compromise on the matter of the price to be paid. It was agreed that representations would be made to the owner and a meeting held, if necessary, for the purpose of discussing with him the various angles of the situation. The matter will be considered later by the Board when it is possible to present to the Board any further data with respect to the willingness of the owner to amend the price he is asking for the property.

BUDGET:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the item of \$30,000.00 appropriated in the Budget for additional pensions to retired school teachers. It was stated that this amount would not be adequate and that it would require \$6,000.00 more to take care of the additional payments to be made.

After due consideration an allotment of \$6,000.00 from the General Emergency Fund was made to supplement the appropriation in the Budget. The information on which to base the payments to the retired teachers is to be obtained from the Teachers' Retirement System and the State Department of Education. It was also agreed that these payments are to be made quarterly at the end of each calendar quarter.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the direction provided in a resolution passed at the 1945 session of the General Assembly that each member of the General Assembly be provided with copies of all Budget Amendments made for the fiscal year 1946.

After discussing the method to be used in furnishing this information, it was decided that the amendments should be submitted in form to be journalized as a part of the proceedings of the General Assembly so that in this way the Amendments would come to the attention of all members of the General Assembly.

INSURANCE:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board communications from the State Teachers College at Bowie and the State Teachers College at Salisbury relative to compensation insurance.

After a discussion of this matter, it was decided that some study should be given to it and Mr. Miles volunteered to have a study made and to advise the Board later of the results of this study.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the situation with reference to providing for the issuance of permanent automobile license plates, advising that the cost of such tags would be \$201,864.00 with the Budget including but \$152,000.00 for the purchase of tags for the fiscal years 1946 and 1947.

The Board deferred taking any action in the matter.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Kirkman suggested to the Board that some consideration should be given to the question of the practice of State Departments publishing in book form after each session of the General Assembly a revision of the laws relating to those departments because of changes in the law enacted at each session of the Legislature.

The matter was referred to the Comptroller to exercise such supervision as he felt necessary.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls for an allotment of \$28,000 from the Post War Construction Fund for certain repairs and improvements; and, also a request for an allotment of \$1,900.00 from the General Emergency Fund for the employment of a Case Supervisor, Grade II.

No action was taken on either request.

STATE PROPERTY:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board authorized the disposal of the following property no longer required in the State's business.

- 1- Department of State Forests and Parks, to sell building at Swallow Falls, Meadow Mountain and Patapsco, consisting of approximately 12 or 13 buildings of various sizes - the bids received varying from \$300 for a building 20 x 50' to \$525 for a building 20 x 120'.
- 2- State Roads Commission Condemnation Reports #3802, #4003, #4004, #3801, #3804, #3194, #3566, and #3779.
- 3- Sale of a typewriter desk for \$5.00 by the Charles County Welfare Board.

LEASES:

The Board, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, approved execution of the following leases.

- 1- By the University of Maryland, for use as Japanese Beetle Inspection Station, adjacent to and east of the Scale House and including the Scale House as office space, on Pier #1, located at the end of Calvert Street, on East Pratt Street, Baltimore, for a period from June 16 through September 15, 1945, at the rate of \$50.00 per month. (Mr. Jean Hoffmeister, Harbor Master).
- 2- University of Maryland, Extension Service, for Farm Labor Supply Center, a three acre tract of land at Harwood, Maryland, for the term of August 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, at a rental of \$1.00 per year.
- 3- State Department of Education - Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co., for space in the Lexington Building, Baltimore, for a term of three months from July 1 to September 31, 1945, at a rental of \$35.00 per month.
- 4- Division of Parole & Probation - Maryland Trust Company, for offices 401-407 Old Town Building, Baltimore, for a term of two years from July 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$1,968.00.
- 5- State Employment Commission - Wm. Martien & Co., Inc., for renewal of present lease at an increased rental of \$5,200.00 per year.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment of \$3,150.00, for the budget of the Judiciary Department to cover increases in the salaries of Trust Clerk to the Supreme Bench and also the Chief Clerks of Baltimore City Courts under Chapter 891 of the Acts of 1945, from the General Emergency Fund.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board authorized the transfer of \$3,800.00 from the General Emergency Fund to the State Employment Commission for an additional employe and advertising necessary in the fiscal year 1946.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the allotment of \$20,075.00 from the General Emergency Fund to the State Bank Commissioner for the administration of Chapter 932 of the Acts of 1945 covering the regulation of Industrial Finance Companies.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$600.00 from the General Emergency Fund to the budget Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland to increase the salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk of that office from \$3,600 to \$4,200 per annum in conformity with the recommendation of the Court.

In connection with the transfer of the maintenance of the Hall of Records Building to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Kirkman recommended that an allotment of \$6,315.00 be made to the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS to cover the cost of such maintenance and that the funds appropriated in the 1946 Budget to the Hall of Records for this purpose be reverted to the General Treasury.

The Board approved this recommendation and allotted \$6,315.00 to the Department of Public Buildings and Grounds for the maintenance of the Hall of Records.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the transfer of \$46,643.00 from the General Emergency Fund to the University of Maryland to cover deficit in the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service in the fiscal year 1945.

The Board approved an allotment of \$3,000 to the State Department of Public Welfare for use by that department in the investigation of epileptic children in accordance with Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1943.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board authorized the transfer of \$265.00 to the State Library for the fiscal year 1945 to cover the expense of an extra Cleaner and also for "Special Cleaning" in connection with the moving of books because of the re-organization of the Court of Appeals; and of \$1,150.00 to the State Library for the fiscal year 1946 for a full-time Janitor and the replacing of antiquated electric light fixtures in the reading room.

The Board approved budget of \$3,297.00 for the Disaster Relief Committee for the fiscal year 1946, recommended by Mr. Kirkman, covering salaries and operating expenses and authorized an allotment of this sum from the General Emergency Fund.

The Board, upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, approved allotments covering salaries and operating expenses of the fiscal year 1945 for the following State Agencies from the General Emergency Fund:

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| Rosewood State Training School | \$49,396.00 |
| The Miners Hospital | 4,615.00 |
| Montrose School for Girls | 780.00 (1946). |
| Cheltenham School for Boys | 4,004.00 (1946). |

The Board approved an allotment of \$3,190.00 for Cheltenham School for Boys from the General Emergency Fund to cover the cost of boiler repairs.

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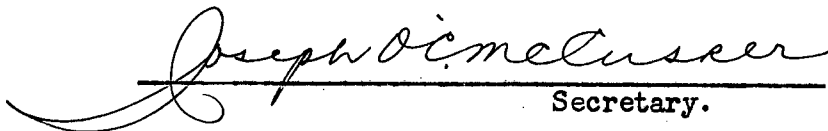
The Board approved the execution of a lease by the Department of Horticulture of the University of Maryland with R. S. Dillon of Hancock, Maryland, for the rental of 816 square feet to be used as a Field Laboratory for the control of the codling moth, this lease to be for a term of two years from July 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$300.00.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the following allotments from the General Emergency Fund to continue salary classification changes approved in the fiscal year 1945 and not provided for in the appropriation bill for 1946, these allotments being found necessary in the investigation made by Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker under authority given at the meeting of May 15, 1945.

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| Department of Tidewater Fisheries | \$15,618.00 |
| Commissioners of the State Accident Fund | 902.00 |
| State Industrial Accident Commission | 5,047.00 |
| Board of Correction | 594.00 |
| Maryland Training School for Boys | 747.00 |
| Maryland Training School for Colored Girls | 1,125.00 |
| Maryland Public Library Advisory Committee | 835.00 |
| Montrose School for Girls | 1,339.00 |
| Public Service Commission | 3,702.00 |
| Department of Budget & Procurement | 1,106.00 |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary.